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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN & TREASURER,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM,

For the Year ending March 1, 1877.

DOVER, N. H.
LIBBEY & CO., PRINTERS.
1877.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

DOG DEPREDATIONS. 1875.

Paid Nathaniel Stevens for	1 lamb killed,	$5.00
Michael Moriarty "	"	4.50
Joseph Young "	turkeys killed,	10.00
Dudley P Meader "	" "	10.00
		$29.50
Paid Solon A Carter, State Tax,		$1408.00
John H Leighton, County Tax,		1372.72
		$2780.72

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Dist. No.	1:	Charles E Hoitt, Committee,	$310.64
"	2:	William F Jones, "	146.85
"	3:	Mary E Smith, "	120.31
"	4:	William Tuttle, "	223.28
"	5:	Ebenezer M Davis, "	196.55
"	6:	William J Channel, "	70.30
"	7:	Mark H Mathes, "	201.89
"	8:	John Drew, "	166.68
"	9:	Charles E Tasker, Newmarket,	73.16
"	10:	George S Chesley, Committee,	150.04
			$1659.70

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Sarah Thompson to March 15, 1876,	$26.64
Sarah F Wright to Nov. 5, "	60.00
Hilliard F Fogg to Aug. 5, "	60.00
Irene C Griffin to Jan. 19, 1877,	30.00
	$176.64
Paid Joseph S Burnham for 424 ft. Bridge plank,	$7.63
John W Smart 1220 "	21.96
	$29.59

EXPENSE OF LOCKUP.

Paid Hamilton A Mathes for 250 brick,	$1.40
William Tuttle for 445 ft. timber,	4.45
Ira T Jenkins for 224 ft. lumber,	3.36
John E Buzzell for drawing lumber and stone,	3.50
Richard Philpot for 859 ft. white oak lumber,	15.47
Job R Giles for iron work,	3.00
Samuel Runlett for labor and plank,	5.32
Geo E Langley for 25½ days labor,	38.25
Ephraim Jenkins for 26 "	52.00
Joseph E York for 1 day's labor building chimney,	4.00
Geo & Wm P Ffrost for paint, nails, etc.,	11.73
John W Smart for lumber,	42.70
Hannah Peavey for oxen drawing sand, etc.,	1.80
E Jenkins for lime, nails and sundries,	12.96
	$199.94

ABATEMENTS.

1873—Jonathan Brown 1.25. 1875—J E Doe 1.00, R Follet 1.00. 1876—L G Dame 1.80, A Corson 1.49, F A Day 1.80, W Lamprey 3.51, O G Lawrence .99, M Marden .90, J O Dame 1.80, J Stevens 1.17, R Follet .90, S D French .90, J D Lambert .90, A D Moody .90, H Cate .50, F Focia .90, Geo Long .90, T Connor jr. .90, John Mendum .90, J S Chesley 1.80, John Emerson 1.80, S Runlett 1.80, C E Titus ,90, T Franker .90, Geo W Palmer 1.80, J E Jones .90, C S Miles .90, J R Twombly 1.44. $36.65

COUNTY POOR.

Paid Dr. J Low Elkins, services to Geo W Kent,	$21.75
Eben'r Kent, services 36 days to "	54.00

Paid Alfred Proctor, " 5½ weeks "	33.00
Dr. Samuel H Greene, att. & med. "	70.20
	$178.95

Paid Dr. J Low Elkins, att. on Mathias Edgerly,	$5.35
V Mathes jr. for supplies for John C McDaniel,	10.00
Dr. C J Ricker for att. on "	3.75
Dr. S H Greene " "	2.00
J B Smith for wood for "	11.00
John McDaniel " Mrs. McDaniel,	2.50
J B Smith " "	4.00
V Mathes jr. supplies for Alfred S Doe,	5.25
Dr. S H Greene for att. & med. "	2.00
V Mathes jr. supplies for Benj J Prescott,	5.38
J F Seavey for clothes " " boys,	6.00
Dr. C J Ricker for att. " " wife,	4.50
" " " & med. for Hannah O Kent,	2.25
David Blanchard board of Dearborn boys,	3.00
D Lothrop & Co., clothing "	13.95
John R Twombly board "	18.55
J R Twombly fare to Boston with Dearborn boy,	3.70
J B Smith for transportation paid for transients,	8.65
J B Smith for expense of keeping transients,	7.55
	$119.38

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX, DIS. NO. X.

Abatements .28, H F Fogg 1.26, Austin Doeg for Com. 25.00,	$26.54

KENT'S MILL BRIDGE.

Paid Stephen Meader for labor, self and oxen,	$32.00
Stephen Rand for 7 day's labor,	14.00
S Rand for use of tools and drawing derrick,	1.50
Joseph Dame for 7 day's labor,	14.00
John H Edgerly "	14.00
James D Meader 7½ "	15.00
Mark H Mathes for drawing 2 loads plank,	4.00
Jeremiah Langley for 2½ days labor,	5.00
J Langley for 2 rails for bridge,	1.00
Charles H Smart for use of Shears,	3.00
Andrew D Moring for hewing stringers,	1.13
Joseph S Burnham, 696 ft. timber for stringers,	12.12
	$116.75

WISWALL'S MILL BRIDGE.

Paid	Andrew J Glidden for 3 4-5 days labor,	$7.60
	Frank P Glidden for 3½ "	7.00
	F P Glidden for cattle for 8 hours,	1.60
	Daniel Pinkham for 1½ day's labor,	3.00
	Charles H Smart for use of shears,	1.00
	John B Griffiths & Sons for 3 bridge stringers,	54.00
	J B Griffiths & Sons for labor and use of tools,	15.00
	John O Wiggin for 13 hours fitting stringers,	2.60
	H F Fogg for 12 lbs nails and spikes,	.48
	H F Fogg for freighting shears,	1.50
	H F Fogg for labor of self and cattle,	10.00
		$103.78

PACKER'S FALLS BRIDGE.

Paid	Frank P Glidden for 27 hours labor,	$5.40
	F P Glidden for 100 ft. boards for railing,	1.00
	C S Atherton for 15 hours labor,	3.00
	Otis P Dudley for 3 stringers 49 ft. long,	54.00
	O P Dudley for labor, 1 man and oxen,	1.00
	Daniel Pinkham for 1½ days labor,	3.00
	Edward Atherton for ½ "	1.00
	John O Wiggin for 13 hours fitting stringers,	2.60
	H F Fogg for 51 hours labor,	10.20
	H F Fogg for nails .50, drawing plank 2.40,	2.90
	Geo S Chesley for 2 days labor,	4.00
	Ebenezer M Davis for replanking, etc.,	5.80
		$93.90

JONE'S CREEK BRIDGE.

Paid	Andrew D Moring for labor,	$4.50
	William F Jones for labor, self, man and oxen,	14.00
	W F Jones for 1452 ft. timber for stringers,	21.78
		$40.28

DURHAM FALLS BRIDGE.

Paid	John Langley for labor,	$3.00
	A D Moring "	2.80
	Enock J Coffin " 1½ days,	3.00
	R Philpot for c hard wood plank,	3.00
	G & W P Ffrost for 562 ft. timber for stringers,	10.11
	G & W P Ffrost for nails,	.09
		$22.00

STEELE'S BRIDGE.

Paid	William F Jones for 2 day's labor,	$4.00
	W F Jones for 2 poles for railing,	2.00
	W F Jones for 567 ft. timber for stringers,	9.22
	A D Moring for $2\frac{3}{4}$ day's labor,	6.00
	A D Moring for nails and boards,	.25
	John Langley for labor,	4.50
	Moses B Langley for $1\frac{1}{2}$ day's on abutment,	3.00
	H Peavey for oxen 6 hours labor "	1.20
	Minot A Langmaid for 2 day's "	4.00
	George W Smart $1\frac{1}{2}$ " "	3.00
	John M Smart $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1.00
		$38.17
Paid	Minot W Langmaid for 1 day on E T Emerson bridge,	2.00
	Andrew D Moring for 1 day's labor on do.	2.00
	Winthrop S Meserve for $4\frac{1}{2}$ "	6.75
		$10.75

ROADS AND CULVERTS.

Paid	Mark H Mathes for relaying culvert,	$14.00
	E J Coffin for 4 day's labor on Joy bridge,	8.00
	Joseph S Burnham for repairs on road,	51.50
	W S Meserve " "	12.00
	M W Langmaid for Bunker's bridge and road,	2.00
	John E Thompson for repairs on road,	10.00
	A D McDaniel " "	12.00
	H F Fogg for relaying culvert,	10.00
	Mary E Smith "	10.00
	H F Fogg for labor on road,	2.80
	H F Fogg for labor in front of new Paper mill,	10.10
	M W Langmaid for 3 day's on Bunker culvert,	6.00
	W H Bunker for 6 day's " "	10.00
	W H Bunker for covering stone,	1.50
	John P Emerson for 3 day's labor,	6.00
	W H Bunker for labor on highway,	10.50
	Stephen Meader for relaying culvert,	21.00
	Stephen Rand for covering stone,	2.00
	F B Stevens for relaying culvert,	3.00
	Nathan Kenniston for $1\frac{1}{2}$ days on culvert,	3.00
	Geo W Burnham for $2\frac{1}{2}$ " "	5.00
	F B Stevens for $2\frac{1}{2}$ " "	5.00
	Geo W Burnham for covering stone,	4.00

Paid	John P Emerson for labor on road,	3.00
	E J Coffin for 3 day's "	6.00
	John Drew for 4½ " "	9.00
	Darius Stevens 1 " "	2.00
	John B York 2 " "	4.00
	Abyal Young 1 " "	2.00
	Lyman York 1 " "	2.00
	M B Langley 1 " " culvert,	2.00
	John S Cate ½ " " highway,	1.00
	Marshal B Foss " "	2.40
	Daniel Chesley " "	2.56
	John Mathes for repairing culvert,	1.50
	Job R Giles for iron work for bridges,	.95
	Ebenr M Davis for labor on highway,	17.00
	G & W P Ffrost, bolts for Kent's Mill bridge,	.26
	Mary E Smith for labor on road,	15.00
	Tobias Bunker " "	6.00
	William F Jones " "	17.17
	A D Moring repairing Falls bridge,	.25
	Wm Meader, N Durgin's highway tax,	.53
	Joseph W Coe, for gravel for highway,	13.17
	H F Fogg, J Glidden highway tax 1875,	2.20
		$329.39

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid	Ezra Hayes, for service July 6 as night watchman,	$2.00
	E Jenkins for furnishing Police Station,	9.00
	W S Meserve, for taking transient man to Dover,	2.00
	Jonathan Dustin, damage to horse and wagon	10.00
	Thomas J Perkins, " " wagon,	5.00
	Job R Giles, iron work for hearse house,	.65
	J S Chesley, services taking new invoice 1875,	1.00
	J S Chesley, to Portsmouth 1875 for hearse	3.00
	S Paul, making scuttle and repairs on T House,	2.50
	H F Fogg, damage to plow,	2.00
	George & Wm P Ffrost, repairs on Town Building,	4.57
	H W B Grover, 1 set of Guide Boards,	3.06
	E J Coffin, finding and setting Guide Posts,	2.00
		$46.78

TOWN POOR.

Paid	N H A, for the insane for Wm K Chesley,	$130.00
	Co of Strafford 29½ w'ks board of Robert Bickford	44.25
	Co of Strafford Coffin and burial clothes of "	7.50

Paid	V Mathes, jr. horse to county farm with hearse,	2.50
	John M Smart " " "	2.00
	S Meader, services " " "	2.00
	Rev John Malvern, " " "	3.00
	J Langley " " "	1.00
	J B Smith, cash paid " "	2.00
	Geo W Kelley, T Clerk Madbury ex. records,	1.00
	V Mathes Jr ex records in regard to B J Prescott,	.50
	E Jenkins, taking deposition of G W Kent,	1.00
	J Langley, for time and expense for "	9.50
	J B Smith " " "	5.00
	J Langley, carrying same to county farm	2.50
	V Mathes, Jr., certificate for same,	.50
	J B Smith for time & ex. in reference to E Lanegan,	2.40
	J Langley for carrying A S Doe to Co Farm,	2.50
	J B Smith ex. " Elijah Edgerly "	3.00
	J B Smith " J C McDaniel, "	2.00
	S H Wheeler for advice in regard to Dearborn boys,	2.00
	J B Smith for affidavit of Nathan Walker,	1.00
	V Mathes for certificate,	.50
	Wm H Belknap, T Clerk Exeter, certificate,	.75
	J B Smith for expenses and services for same,	5.00
	J B Smith for cash paid for poor,	6.00
	Dr Moulton for att. on E J Pinkham, 1875	5.00
		$244.40

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid	Calvin Sanders for services as Town Clerk,	$15.59
	G & W. P Ffrost for 72 lbs coal for Office,	.35
	M B Langley for cleaning Town Hall and Office twice,	4.00
	E J Lane & Co for blank books and stationery,	10.95
	Libbey & Co printing 350 Town accounts,	20.00
	Libbey & Co printing Produce blanks,	2.50
	S Paul for making desk for Town meeting,	3.00
	J D P Wingate for printing tax bills,	2.00
	Selectmen for ordinary services,	90.00
	Selectmen for extra services in taking produce,	6.00
	Joshua B Smith for services as Town Treasurer,	25.00
	Fuller & Co for Stove and funnel for Office,	10.70
	Hilliard F Fogg for services as Collector of taxes,	70.00
	Ephraim Jenkins for services as S School Committee,	40.00
	Valentine Mathes Jr. for services as Town Clerk,	21.00

Paid J B Smith for services at Nov. Election,	2.00
David services as Police Officer,	10.00
J B Smith as returning invoices 1875-6	2.00
D Stevens as extra service at March and November Elections,	4.00
J B Smith for fare and expenses to Concord to settle S tax,	3.75
Selectmen for fuel for Office,	2.00
	$344.94

BILLS FOR BREAKING ROADS IN MARCH & APRIL.

Paid Selectmen for cash paid to sundry persons,	$2.30
John S Cate,	1.00
Charles A Davis,	1.10
Michael Marden,	1.20
David Blanchard,	1.00
James M Pendexter,	2:50
William Tuttle,	23.05
Henry E Ford,	5.00
John B Griffiths,	6.50
Hilliard F. Fogg,	4.20
Enoch J Coffin,	4.00
Federal B. Stevens,	1.00
Jeremiah Langley,	1.00
John Mathes,	6.80
William B Langmaid,	2.00
Michael Moriartey,	.80
Mark H. Mathes,	3.20
Joseph Bunker,	.40
William F. Jones,	5.20
Albert Demeritt,	3.00
Thomas H. Wiswall,	1.40
	$76.65

BREAKING ROADS IN DEC. AND JAN. 1876-7.

Dist. No 1	John McDaniel	Surveyor,	$11.20
" 2	John S Cate	"	29.10
" 3	Joshua B Smith	"	14.37
" 4	John C Walker	"	19.40
" 5	Dan'l T Woodman	"	19.50
" 6	W H Bunker dis.	"	19.41
" 7	Samuel Emerson	"	43.60
" 8	Wm F Jones	"	19.10
" 9	Tobias Bunker	"	13.30

Dist No 10	William Tuttle	Surveyor,	32.50
" 11	John B Griffiths	"	13.30
" 12	W S Meserve	"	22.25
" 13	William Meader	"	5.80
" 14	Jeremiah Langley	"	27.40
" 15	Federal B Stevens,	"	6.60
" 16	Nicholas Drew	"	20.00
" 17	Mark H Mathes	"	27.60
" 18	Joseph Bunker	"	2.60
" 19	Thos H Wiswall	"	4.40
" 20	David A Stevens	"	10.00
" 21	Enoch J Coffin	"	12.90
" 22	Andrew J Glidden	"	9.00
" 23	Hilliard F. Fogg	"	11.70
" 24	Eben'r M Davis	"	16.00
" 1	Joshua B Smith	"	9.20
" 5	Frank E Doe	"	1.80
" 8	Jas M. Pendexter	"	8.90
" 9	Albert Demeritt	"	1.20
" 15	John Mathes	"	8.40
" 15	Clarence Smart	"	2.00
"	Selectmen	"	6.50
" 8	Marshal B Foss	"	1.90
			$450.93

EXPENDITURES.

Damage by Dogs,	$29.50
State and County Taxes,	2780.72
School Money,	1659.70
Interest,	176.64
Lockup,	199.94
County poor,	298.33
Town poor,	244.40
Abatements,	36.65
Non Resident Highway worked,	94.85
Bridge plank,	29.59
Kent's mill bridge,	116.75
Wiswall's mill bridge,	103.78
Packer's Falls bridge,	93.90
Jone's Creek bridge,	40.28
Steele's bridge,	38.17
Durham Falls bridge,	22.00
E T Emerson's bridges,	10.75
Roads and Culverts,	327.19
General Expenses,	344.94

Miscellaneous,	48.98
Breaking roads,	527.58
Balance due on Tax list 1876,	100.00
Auditors,	4.00
Balance in Treasury,	43.00
	$7371.64

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 1876,	$282.00
Literary fund from State Treasurer,	92.70
Rail road tax " "	264.99
Savings Bank " "	1158.93
Rent of store from G & W P Ffrost,	80.00
Rent of wharves,	3.50
Tax list of 1873, from J B Griffiths,	21.67
Dog Taxes, 1875,	8,00
Bridge plank,	9.20
Tax 1875, F Focia,	1.00
Dog Taxes, 1876,	45.00
Town Hall, V Mathes jr,	2.00
Old timbers and plank,	8.50
Resident Taxes,	4235.74
Non Resident Taxes,	314.76
Non Resident Highway,	115.32
County of Strafford,	298.33
Town of Newmarket,	300.00
Irene C. Griffin, Note,	130.00
	$7371.64

Amount of notes against the Town,		$2950.00
Due from Town of Newmarket,	2047.00	
Balance on hand,	143.00	
Town Debt,	760.00	
		$2950.00

JOSHUA B. SMITH,
JEREMIAH LANGLEY,
HILLIARD F. FOGG.
} Selectmen of Durham.

March 1, 1877. We the subscribers, have examined the forgoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

E. JENKINS,
SAMUEL RUNLETT,
} Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Durham, for the year ending March 1, 1877.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—This is the largest and most difficult school in town, and of all others, it needs the skill and fortitude of an experienced teacher. If "eternal vigilance" can possibly avail anything, let it be brought to the front in this case.

I have to report four terms of school, in this instance, as the Spring term had not finished when the last report was made. This term, kept by Miss Maggie S. Drew, was begun under Mr. Sanders' administration, and I cannot speak particularly of the advancement made, but the closing examination was entirely satisfactory, and there is no doubt but the district might go farther and fare worse.

The Summer and Fall terms were kept by Miss Stella M. George, who has had long experience, and would succeed in any district where "love would soothe the gentle breast," but here an application of "strap oil" would have been a glorious panacea for the ills that flesh is heir to.

The Winter term was kept by Charles S. Jenkins, who is a young man of little experience, and it required hard work to get the school in line for the campaign, but fair progress was made, and the school appeared unusually well at the close.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—There were three terms, all kept by Miss Lucy A. Stiles. I regard Miss Stiles as a first-class teach-

er. The school appeared well at every visit, made good progress, gave good satisfaction, and I think the district fortunate to get so good a teacher.

District No. 3.—Both terms kept by Forest Star Smith. This was Mr. Smith's first attempt at teaching; he worked hard, was well liked by the school, but the first term did not pan out so well as was desirable, and the teacher did not feel quite satisfied; but at the second term there was unusual improvement, and it was highly satisfactory to the committee.

District No. 4.—The first term was taught by Miss Annie L. Davis, and was her first term. She worked hard, but the school lacked that energy which brings success, and did not accomplish as much as it might have done.

The Winter term, taught by Frank J. Davis, illustrated the old adage, "he who by the plow would thrive, must himself either hold or drive." Mr. Davis performed both those duties, and drove one or two youngsters out of the field. Working the machine under a light pressure, he brought the pulse, which beat feebly at the last term, back to its normal condition. A school that will yield willing obedience to his instruction, will accomplish more in one month than in three months under the old "cat nap" method. Perfection in man is impossible, but energy is indispensable.

District No. 5.—First term by Miss Josephine R. Dow, who ranks A. No. 1, as a teacher. Miss Dow is one of the best disciplinarians with whom I am acquainted. She has taught several terms in town, always makes good progress, and gives good satisfaction. Second term by Mr. Daniel Snell. The school appeared well at each visit, and gave general satisfaction; the progress made was not remarkable for so long a term, too long, in fact, but Mr. Snell appears well in the school room, and will no doubt become a successful teacher.

District No. 7.—Both terms kept by Miss Emma E. Mathes. Having taught two terms before in this District, some objections were made to her taking the school, but she was the choice of a large part of the parents. The Scholars seemed attached to her and made good advancement, and the most of the District are satisfied. Two or three scholars did not attend.

Distsict No. 8.—Both terms taught by Miss B. A Canney. Miss Canney had taught three terms before in the District. She makes no bluster, but does her work quietly, has gained the good will of the school, and the advancement made is full up to the average.

District No. 10.—The first term by Miss C. Emma Varney, who is a lady of few words, displays no undue freedom in the school room which scholars would be likely to take advantage of, but the school appeared well and gave general satisfaction. The second term by Miss Nellie Caverno. By some means the committee failed to understand the precise time of the schools closing, and missed visiting it a second time. Some apprehension was felt at the first visit on account of a slight turbulant quality among the youngsters, but report says the teacher found her ability equal to the emergency and the school is called a success. I regret that I cannot speak at length of the progress made.

WHAT THE SCHOOLS NEED.

The committe ought to be more active and give more time to the schools. Teachers and scholars should be made to feel that the Committee are holding them strictly responsible for the success or failure of the school. Parents should be more vigilant over their children and see that they are never absent without cause. Scholars should be better drilled in habits of implicit obedience, decorum and close study. The three last principles are unknown to many scholars in town, both at home and at school; and more, if these vital duties are enforced, the scholar is, in many cases, allowed to leave his school. And for want of this close training more than one-half the money is lost.

☞ The names of those not absent or tardy are omitted on account of the large number.

Prudential Committee.	Number of District,	Number of Terms,	Wages of Teacher per Month,	Number of Scholars,	Average Attendance,	Number in Arithmetic,	Number in Grammar,	Number in Geography,	Number in Reading,	Number in Spelling,	Number in Penmanship,	Number in other studies,	Number of Weeks,
C. E. Hoitt,	1	1	36	35	32	24	6	8	35	35	11	5	6
		2	36	44	36	27	7	13	44	44	15	4	9
		3	36	38	32	25	10	19	38	38	20	5	10
		4	40	37	27	23	8	10	37	37	22	5	10
W. F. Jones,	2	1	32	12	10	9	3	6	12	12	11	1	10
		2	32	14	12	10	3	8	14	14	13	0	8
		3	34	11	9	10	6	4	11	11	9	9	14
M. E. Smith,	3	1	32	16	14	11	4	8	16	16	8	4	8
		2	32	12	10	9	4	8	12	12	8	4	6
Wm. Tuttle,	4	1	30	20	17	15	8	10	20	20	15	3	10
		2	35	22	17	20	10	12	22	22	17	1	16
E. M. Davis,	5	1	30	24	20	19	4	12	24	24	13	0	10
		2	34	17	16	24	5	9	17	17	13	6	18
M. H. Mathes,	7	1	30	21	18	12	4	5	21	21	9	1	9
		2	30	22	15	14	3	6	22	22	13	0	14
John Drew,	8	1	28	20	17	17	6	8	20	20	12	6	9
		2	28	26	22	21	8	11	26	26	17	9	13
Geo. S. Chesley,	10	1	28	22	18	14	3	9	22	22	9	0	10
		2	25	21	18	15	3	7	21	21	6	5	12

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. JENKINS,

Superintending Committee.

Co. B. Philbrick
" D. " Geo. P. [illegible]

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